

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
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25 October 1982

Harry J. Middleton, Director  
Lyndon Baines Johnson Library  
2313 Red River Street  
Austin, Texas 78705

Dear Mr. Middleton:


In the attached letter Colonel James W. Dunn, Chief of the Histories Division, U.S. Army Center of Military History, requests that Dr. Alexander S. Cochran, Jr., an Army official historian, be given access to security classified CIA documents held at the Johnson Library. Colonel Dunn's letter explains the scope, period and purpose of Dr. Cochran's proposed research for his volume in the series, The United States Army in Vietnam.

Having verified Dr. Cochran's Top Secret clearance, we are glad to authorize his access to such CIA material of that classification or lower as may be pertinent to his research. We shall enclose a copy of "CIA Access Policy Concerning Presidential Libraries (rev. July 1977)." As noted in this statement, Dr. Cochran is free to take notes and to make copies of any CIA records examined, so long as his notes and copies of documents are transmitted (either directly or through NARS) to this office for review, to determine whether this material can be released for his use. We shall let you know of CIA's decisions for release or denial on all of the documents and notes reviewed.

We are sending copies of this letter to Colonel Dunn and to Mr. James E. O'Neill, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries at NARS.

With many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,

  
J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

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Attachments

cc: Mr. James E. O'Neill, NARS  
Col. James W. Dunn, CMH

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22 September 1982

Dr. Kenneth McDonald  
CIA Historian  
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Dear Ken:

Dr. Alexander S. Cochran, Jr., an official historian with Southeast Asia Branch, US Army Center of Military History, is preparing a volume in the series, THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN VIETNAM, covering the Army's combat role in Vietnam from the arrival of the first major Army unit in May 1965 until the advent of large scale sustained operations in November 1966. As part of his research, he needs to examine the national security files at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library. He has been advised by a member of the library's staff that permission is required to examine CIA documents held at the library.

Dr. Cochran has a TOP SECRET clearance, verification of which is being sent directly to the Johnson Library. Any notes taken by him from CIA documents and copies of any CIA documents selected for xerox will be submitted for review by the CIA prior to release to him. A final copy of his manuscript will be sent to the NSC for your review prior to publication.

Would you please send your decision on Dr. Cochran's access to CIA documents in the national security files to the Johnson Library directly to Mr. David Humphrey, Archivist, Lyndon B. Johnson Library, Austin, Texas 78705, with a duplicate copy to this office. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES W. DUNN

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Chief, Histories Division